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[Mathy;Vaught](#)  
[Laura;](#)

Date: 10/7/2013 11:21:38 AM

Subject: RE: West Lake Landfill, St. Louis area comms assist

Attachments: [October 7.docx](#)

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Hi Alisha,

Mathy, Laura, and I discussed the attached letter on Friday. It directs a PRP on this Superfund site to not perform work scheduled to start Thursday, 10 Oct, because of shutdown in EPA operations. I shared also with Mathy, Tom, and Laura my email on Thursday discussing the project, the proposed work, and the media and elected interest.

My advice is for HQ to handle comms concerning this letter, with me in a support role if needed. Let me know if you see different or want to discuss.

HQ OECA (Larry Starfield) has been provided the letter by Region 7 Counsel Dave Cozad to obtain OECA's final approval with form of letter.

Missouri Dept Nat Resources would normally post a significant West Lake document to the public, and that is MDNR's plan with this letter. I plan to PDF it to MDNR's director within the hour. That posting would ordinarily trigger community and elected comment and media inquiries. If you need more time to finalize a comms plan, let me know soonest.

Thx,

Karl Brooks  
Regional Administrator  
EPA Region 7  
913-551-7006

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**From:** Johnson, Alisha  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 10:22 AM

**To:** Brooks, Karl  
**Subject:** RE: Iowa Press IPTV October 11

Great. Thanks.

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**From:** Brooks, Karl  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 11:22 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Alisha  
**Subject:** RE: Iowa Press IPTV October 11

Just talked to Andrew: he understands.

thx

Karl Brooks  
Regional Administrator  
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**From:** Johnson, Alisha  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 10:19 AM  
**To:** Brooks, Karl  
**Subject:** FW: Iowa Press IPTV October 11

Hey Karl,  
Is this still on, or are you playing it by ear?

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**From:** Andrew Batt [<mailto:andrewb@iptv.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 11:18 AM  
**To:** Press  
**Cc:** Lancaster, Kris  
**Subject:** Iowa Press IPTV October 11

EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks was originally booked to be a guest on the Iowa Public Television program Iowa Press on Friday, October 11 in Johnston, Iowa. His press person, Kris Lancaster, has apparently been furloughed due to the government shutdown. I'm basing this on his email auto-reply.

Can someone at EPA confirm whether the October 11 appearance will still happen or if it will be cancelled due to furlough?

Thanks

**Andrew Batt**

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Re: Westlake Landfill Site  
Administrative Order on Consent, Docket No. VII-93-F-0005  
Suspension of Field Work due to Funding Hiatus

Dear Ms. Merrigan:

By letter dated September 20, 2013, EPA requested that the Respondents to the above-referenced Administrative Order on Consent ("Order") perform certain field work at the Westlake Landfill Site as Additional Work pursuant to Paragraph 51 of the Order. Specifically, EPA has requested that Respondents conduct Ground Cone Penetrometer Testing ("GCPT"). That field work, which the Respondents have agreed to perform, is scheduled to begin on Thursday, October 10, 2013.

However, EPA is currently experiencing a funding hiatus due to lack of an appropriations act or continuing resolution. In accordance with the Agency's Contingency Plan for Shutdown, dated October 1, 2013, the Agency has determined that the GCPT field work at the Site scheduled to begin October 10 is not necessary to address an imminent threat to public health, and thus the Agency is unable to perform the necessary oversight of the field work until Agency funding to resume operations is enacted. The Agency is therefore notifying you that we are suspending performance of the GCPT until a funding mechanism is enacted that will allow the Agency to resume normal operations.

We appreciate the Respondent's willingness to conduct the GCPT work, and will contact you to reschedule a start date for the GCPT as soon as EPA returns to normal operations.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks  
Regional Administrator

cc: Sara Parker Pauley, MDNR

